

**Minutes – Meeting of the
Board of Education of the
Metropolitan School District of North Posey County, Indiana
January 9, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the MSD of North Posey County, Poseyville, Indiana, was held in the Board office of MSD of North Posey County, on January 9, 2023. The following Board members were present:

- Michael Galvin, Superintendent
- Michelle Walden, Assistant Superintendent
- Gregory U. Schmitt, President
- Vincent F. Oakley, Vice President
- Amy J. Will, Secretary
- Larry A. Kahle, Member
- Lindsey N. Bowers, Member
- Josh Orem, School Board Attorney

Oath of Office

Prior to convening for Executive Session, Josh Orem led the newly elected Board members Greg Schmitt and Lindsey Bowers in the Oath of Office. They recited the Oath together and signed the appropriate paper. Kendyl Knowles, Notary Public, was present to witness.

Executive Session

The Board convened the Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of IC 5-14- 1.5-6.1 (11) to train school board members about the performance of the role of the members as public officials. The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Board of Education convened for the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m. with Acting Vice President, Greg Schmitt, calling the meeting to order with the initiation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patron Concerns

No patrons were present to address the Board.

Board Reorganization

Dr. Galvin asked the Board for their consideration to appoint Mr. Josh Orem as the School Board Attorney for 2023. Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the consideration of Mr. Josh Orem as School Board Attorney as presented and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Dr. Galvin turned the meeting over to school board attorney, Josh Orem, to reorganize the School Board and lead the elections

Mr. Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the School Board. Mrs. Will nominated Mr. Schmitt for President. Mr. Orem asked if there were any other nominations. With no other nominations, Mr. Orem called for a vote. Mr. Schmitt was elected with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the School Board. Mr. Kahle nominated Mr. Oakley for Vice President. Mr. Orem asked if there were any other nominations. With no other nominations, Mr. Orem called for a vote. Mr. Oakley was elected with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Orem opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary of the School Board. Mr. Schmitt nominated Mrs. Will for Secretary. Mr. Orem asked if there were any other nominations. With no other nominations, Mr. Orem called for a vote. Mrs. Will was elected with a 5 to 0 vote.

Mr. Orem asked the members to appoint a treasurer and deputy treasurer for the District. Mrs. Will made a motion to appoint Carol Lupfer as District Treasurer and Amanda Lynn as District Deputy Treasurer, and Mrs. Bower seconded the appointment. The appointment carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Orem then turned the meeting over to Mr. Schmitt, the newly elected president.

Mr. Schmitt asked the Board to nominate members to the Board of Finance. Mr. Oakley made a motion to appoint Mr. Kahle as President of the Board of Finance and Mrs. Bowers as Treasurer of the Board of Finance, and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mr. Schmitt asked the Board to appoint a Policy Liaison and Legislative Liaison for the Board. Mr. Kahle made a motion to appoint Mrs. Will as Policy Liaison and Mr. Oakley as Legislative Liaison, and Mr. Oakley seconded the motion. The appointment carried 5 to 0.

Dr. Galvin informed the Board that they should examine compensation wages for the Board. Mr. Oakley made a motion that the Board retain their compensation package. Mr. Kahle seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5 to 0. The Board will receive a \$2,000.00 annual stipend and \$100.00 per meeting for twelve (12) meetings for a maximum salary of \$3,200.00 per member for a calendar year of service.

Dr. Galvin passed out Conflict of Interest statements to Michael Galvin, Larry Kahle, and Vince Oakley to sign. No action from the Board was needed.

Minutes, Claim Docket and Consent Items

Mr. Schmitt asked the Board for a motion to approve the consent items as listed:

- Minutes of the previous meeting on December 12, 2022.
- Claim Docket for the period of December 12, 2022 to January 9, 2023.
- The following FMLA and personal leave requests:
 - Stacy Newman-Smith: Use of four (4) leave days for an upcoming trip.
 - Ashley Lingafelter: FMLA from approximately March 6 – May 31, 2023

- The following resignations and retirements for the 2022-2023 school year:
 - Mrs. Carol Lupfer: Retirement effective June 30, 2023 as the District Treasurer. Mrs. Lupfer has dedicated 27 years to MSD of North Posey County.
- The following hiring & transfer requests for the 2022-2023 school year:
 - Michelle Riddle: North Elementary Food Service effective December 12, 2022.
 - Laura Englert: District Transportation Secretary effective January 9, 2023.
 - Chad Hoehn and Korey Mauck: Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coaches
- The following overnight and/or out of state field trips:
 - Victoria Schaefer to take one (1) qualifying student to attend the IMEA Middle School Honor Choir in Fort Wayne, IN on January 12-13, 2023. Expenses for Ms. Schaefer to attend as a chaperone shall be paid from the Education Fund.
- The following renewal contracts:
 - ESCRFT: Property and Casualty Insurance Package. The total for the package is \$151,852.21 for 2023. This is an increase of \$18,124.31 from 2022. In addition, the Cyber Liability policy is \$7,175.00 which is an increase of \$1,888.00 from 2022.

Mrs. Will made a motion to approve the consent items as presented and Mr. Oakley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

New Business

Dr. Galvin introduced Mr. Jerome (Jerry) McKibben from McKibben Demographic Research, LLC to share the results of the Population and Enrollment Forecasts for 2023-2024 through 2032-2033.

Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the proposal to replace the soccer scoreboard at a cost of \$3,999.99 and to replace the softball scoreboard at a cost of \$5,279.99 to be paid from the Operations' Fund. Mr. Kahle made a motion to approve the proposal and Mrs. Will seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the proposal to extend the softball backstop to provide more safety to our bleachers an estimated cost of \$14,418.00 to be paid from the Operations' Fund. The Board granted up to a 5% increase from the estimate as the estimate was dated for August 2022. Mr. Oakley made a motion to accept and Mrs. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the proposal for the additional playground equipment at North Elementary at the cost of \$24,786.82 to be paid from the 2022 General Obligation Bond to complete the 3-4 playground update during the summer of 2023. Mrs. Will made a motion to approve the consideration and Mr. Kahle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Dr. Galvin presented for consideration the proposal to replace the lower North Posey High School gymnasium bleachers. Two quotes were received from BSN Sports and Lee Company. Dr. Galvin recommended accepting the quote from BSN Sports at \$141,075.71 to be paid from the 2022 General Obligation Bond. Mr. Kahle made a motion to approve the consideration and Mr. Oakley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Dr. Galvin, Mrs. Walden, and the principals presented the State of Schools Address, Financial Review of the District, and Update on the District Strategic Plan.

Personnel

Mrs. Walden presented to the Board for approval to add extra duties to Scott LaMar, Full Time Sub Driver. Mr. LaMar shall be assisting the Transportation Secretary with the routing responsibilities. When possible, this will be completed within his existing Full Time Sub Driver contract, but in the case that this may result in extra hours, Mrs. Walden requested to set a rate of \$18.99/hour for these duties. Mr. Kahle made a motion to approve the request and Mrs. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Professional Leave

Mr. Galvin presented the following professional leave requests:

Name	School	Date/Reason	Location	Approx Cost/Fund
Mark Kirkman	NPHS	January 6-8, 2023 American Baseball Coaches Clinic	Nashville TN	\$494.31 + Sub Costs ECA: Athletics
Michael MacMunn	NPHS	January 12, 2023 2023 STEM Conference	Purdue	\$250.00 + Sub Costs Education Fund
Matthew Winegar	NPHS/JHS	January 20, 2023 ISTA Emerging Leader Cohort	Indianapolis	\$0.00 + Sub Costs ISTA
Catherine Broshears Morgan Daly Michael MacMunn James White Heather Brandle Erin Koester Casey Thomas	NPHS STES	February 1, 2023 Textbook Adoption	Jasper	\$105.00 + Sub & Transportation Costs Education Fund
Elise Murray	CO	February 1-3, 2023 ICASE Spring Conference	Indianapolis	\$1,153.86 + Transportation Grant: FY2022 Part B
Scott Bosecker Amber Pickens	NPHS NPJHS	February 2-4, 2023 2023 Track & Field Clinic	Indianapolis	\$710.17 + Sub Costs ECA: Athletics

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Will and seconded by Mr. Oakley, to approve the professional leave requests with a 5 to 0 vote.

Reports and Information

- Good News Report

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Board Office. Executive session (if needed) will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kahle, seconded by Mrs. Bowers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Gregory U. Schmitt, President

Vincent F. Oakley, Vice President

Amy J. Will, Secretary

Larry A. Kahle, Member at Large

Lindsey Bowers, Member

Board of Education
MSD of North Posey County